

**Proceedings of the Dolores County Board of
County Commissioners**

August 31, 2020

A regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners was held in the Public Service Center in Dove Creek, Colorado on August 31, 2020. Present for the meeting were Chairperson Julie Kibel, Commissioner Steve Garchar and Commissioner Floyd Cook, Attorney Dennis Golbricht and Deputy Clerk to the Board Jody Gardner. County Administrator Margret Daves was absent for a portion of the meeting, but joined via Zoom.

The meeting began with everyone standing to recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

Guests

Community Voice Ronda Lancaster, Senior Services Director Julie Bingham, Public Health Nurse Mary Randolph, Extension Secretary Oma Fleming, CSU Extension Agent Gus Westerman, DCTreas, Social Services Director Malynda Evans, HR and Finance Specialist Lenore Johnson, Mapping and Addressing Specialist Amber Fisher, Chamber of Commerce Representative Kendra Cook, Road and Bridge Supervisor Steve Davis, Deputy Assessor Takara Harrington, Clerk and Recorder Lana Hancock, Emergency Manager Keith Keesling

Agenda

Commissioner Cook made a motion to accept the agenda
Commissioner Garchar seconded the motion.
All three Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

Minutes

There were no minutes to be approved.

Department Head Meeting

Assessor: Berna Ernst was not present. Deputy Assessor Takara Harrington said there were no personal property protests during the protests period. The Assessor's office staff is busy working on certification and abstracts as COVID-19 delays postponed the normal due dates. Ms. Harrington requested that the BOCC be available to meet with Assessor Ernst as the County Board of Equalization before the September 7, 2020 deadline.

Treasurer: Janie Stiasny was able to join the meeting but due to equipment issues was not able to share any updates.

Clerk and Recorder: Lana Hancock said her office is operating normally. CARES Act Funding was approved for a Drop Box and Security Camera that will be placed in Rico, CO during election time to allow the voters in that area to access the Ballot Box until 7pm.

Sheriff: Don Wilson was not present.

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Nurse: Mary Randolph was not present during the Department Head meeting, however, she did visit with the BOCC in a workshop earlier in the morning in regards to a grant opportunity that may provide funding for a County owned Public Health Department facility to better meet the needs of the community and to handle increased staff and office space while working through the COVID-19 situation. The current Health Nurse office is owned by the Dolores County School system where space is limited.

EMS: Keith Keesling is still participating in COVID-19 meetings on a regular basis.

The 2018 All Hazards grant equipment was recently received. The Salamander Rapid Tag and Track equipment offering the ability to create ID's immediately during an evacuation emergency was included. A training will be held towards the end of the month open to all County employees or residents interested in assisting if an evacuation emergency arises.

The Care and Share Program has averaged 5-10 deliveries a week to homes needing assistance. Colorado Farms makes weekly deliveries of fresh fruit and vegetables for Care and Share to distribute locally.

The Beyond the Nest Early Education program will be receiving Personal Protection Equipment from the County's Emergency Management department as they are not recognized as a school by the State.

An Air Quality monitor will be installed in Rico. The Town of Rico and West Fork will receive a new GPS Communicator this week.

Extension: CSU Extension Agent Gus Westerman discussed the Southwestern Colorado Research Center's annual fruit sale event held over the previous weekend. Peaches and plums were boxed prior, so as to provide a safe COVID-19 drive through style event. All fruits were sold within a 15-minute time period. The apples will be picked in 2-3 weeks with the same type of event offered. A donation of five thousand pounds of apples will be made to the Care and Share of the Rockies program.

Mr. Westerman has been busy working on the West Fork Fire facility grant application.

4-H will soon begin it's 2021 enrollment process. Guidance is being sought for club and lesson meetings.

Extension and Weed: Secretary Oma Fleming said her Weed District summer helpers have completed their part time positions. Weed Sprayer Kenny Smith is working on controlling the weeds in the high country across the river.

The Dolores County Fair went really well with all the COVID-19 changes that were made. A lot of positive feedback was received. The Fair Board will host one more Jr. Rodeo this season.

Social Services: Malynda Evans said the new building construction is progressing.

There has been an increase in Adult Protection Services cases as well as Child Welfare referrals.

The Social Services office staff is still on a staggered schedule, working between the office and home.

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Senior Services: Julie Bingham joined the meeting but didn't share any updates.

Human Resources: Lenore Johnson shared details from the latest stimulus package concerning Social Security taxes, called Payroll Tax Holiday. Social Security taxes of 6.2% would not be withheld from an employee's paycheck for the months of September through December 2020. However, Social Security taxes of 12.4% would be withheld during the months of January through April 2021. Department Heads were asked to visit with their employees about the option and their wishes to participate or decline.

Road and Bridge: Steve Davis said the road crew is staying busy while the Dolores Water Conservancy District water is still available to use on roads.

Addressing and Mapping: Amber Fisher recently installed address signs in the Glade Ranch Subdivision and at the Cottonwood Ranches Subdivision. Cottonwood Ranches Subdivision owner Corey Veach requested address within the subdivision for emergency response purposes. Ms. Fisher placed 7 address signs and named the subdivision road, Road N.

Ms. Fisher and Road and Bridge employees attended a refresher locator training last week. A GPS and Subfooter device was presented as an option for the Town and County to possibly purchase with a 6" location capability.

Maintenance: Steven Stiasny was not present.

Attorney Golbricht: attended a West Fork Fire meeting. Maggie Love completed the fire station appraisal. A valuation of \$110,000.00 was reported. Mr. Westerman can now move forward with the grant application. A services donation is being sought from Empire Electric Association to provide electrical services for the new fire station. Moving the overhead lines underground for helicopter and drone access and safety is preferential.

Commissioner Garchar: recently attended a Club 20 meeting where a virtual ballot was used for voting during the meeting.

Mr. Garchar also attended a STAC meeting. Severance Taxes are down. Approximately \$6,00,0000.00 was spent on road improvements.

Commissioner Cook: has been assisting with issues at the Social Services Building construction site. The walls and roof sheeting should go up this week as the roofers are scheduled next week.

Farmers Telephone has been contacted to provide services from the Pioneer Center to the Social Services building.

Mr. Cook has had several CCI meetings preparing for the Western District meeting to discuss upcoming legislative issues.

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Commissioner Kibel: thanked everyone for their kindness and participation with her dad's funeral services and dinner over the past weekend.

Ms. Kibel discussed a second phase of RESTORE grants that she and Jamie Johnson will work on. A study to conduct vegetation for the sage grouse was discussed.

Ms. Kibel received a request to provide assistance to The Town of Rico for elderly transportation. A discussion will be set for the next meeting.

Cahone Park Gazebo Bid Opening

Five bids were received in response to the advertised bid request for a gazebo structure, concrete slab and ground prep at the Cahone Park.

Western Gravel submitted a bid in the amount of \$119,932.00

Royal 6 Welding and Fab submitted a bid in the amount of \$57,400.00

L and L Construction submitted a bid in the amount of \$95, 254.92

Lancaster Enterprises submitted a bid in the amount of \$86,800.00

Performance Recreation submitted a bid in the amount of \$146,252.00

Royal 6 Welding and Fab had the low bid. The BOCC requested to meet with the bidder to confirm compliance with the specification and that all aspects of the project were included before considering the award of the bid.

New Business

Colorado Retirement Association Participation Agreement including the Forfeiture of Funds for the 401A and the 457 Plans: HR and Payroll Specialist Lenore Johnson discussed the renewal and minor changes of the annually participated in agreement. Attorney Golbricht reviewed the agreements.

Commissioner Garchar made a motion approving signing the CRA agreement.

Commissioner Cook seconded the motion.

All three Commissioners voted in favor of the agreement.

Commissioner Garchar made a motion in favor of the Forfeiture of Funds for 401A and 457 Plans.

Commissioner Cook seconded the motion.

All three Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

Old Business

There was no old business.

Executive Session

There was no executive session.

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Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Commissioner Kibel closed the meeting.

Julia R. Kibel

Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners

Joseph Gardner

Deputy Clerk
to the Board of County Commissioners

